

**Subject: progress is measured in small steps****Date:** Mon, 26 Jan 2004 12:11:37 -0800**From:** [Peggy McMahan Norris <P\\_McMahan@lbl.gov>](mailto:P_McMahan@lbl.gov)**Organization:** Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**To:** ["/"Joe W. Kwan\" \(by way of Gerry Abrams\) <JWKwan@lbl.gov>](mailto:JWKwan@lbl.gov)**CC:** [Gerry Abrams <GSAbrams@lbl.gov>](mailto:GSAbrams@lbl.gov)**References:** 1

As far as Community College and K-12 outreach this year, here are some things I know have happened, most of them independent of the Workplace Committee and not all are targeted towards diversity (#1, 5 and 6 are for sure).

- 1) Three scientists from NSD and one from MSD collaborated with CSEE to set up a Intensive Research Institute last summer for pre-service science and math teachers from Cal State Fresno, which serves a largely hispanic population. I wrote an article on this successful workshop for the APS Forum on Education's last issue. This project has caught the eye of DOE and will have increased funding this year; as part of that it will be expanded to include in-service teachers.
- 2) The first joint meeting of the Northern California Sections of the APS and AAPT was hosted by LBNL in November. It was organized by Michael Barnett in Physics Division and attracted both high school and college faculty. On Friday the lab hosted several teachers workshops, including at least three organized by GS scientists. (In my mind this took the place of having something for local community college teachers this year since they tend to come to the AAPT meetings.)
- 3) A Teachers' Workshop in conjunction with the Quark Matter Conference in early January attracted 60 teachers (See Berkeley Today, today).
- 4) NSD (me in particular) participated as it has for several years in a Teachers' Workshop in February sponsored by the ANS, NCHPS and UCB Nucl Engineering Dept. with additional support from LBNL and LLNL.
- 5) I have started a dialog with the Women in the Physical Sciences club on campus about working with them on a hands-on project. I think it will happen this year.
- 6) This may not count for last year but I feel good about establishing a dialog with campus recently through joint discussions with Bob Jacobsen and Ali Fazely at Southern of starting to develop a detector project that undergraduates at both campuses can build with some testing done at the 88" Cyclotron. This is more of a bottoms-up approach of working with campus than we have tried in the past, but given that we can offer them something they are desperately short of - laboratory space for their undergraduates - I think it will work.

Also, GS continues to have a good track record of placing several minority students in the divisions as summer interns. I work closely with Laurel Egenberger on finding mentors for students we find. This year was down somewhat because the overall number of students was down. It looks like I will be going the the NSBP/NSHP joint meeting next month in place of James and Laurel is going to the Physics students conference

in Nashville, so we will have both covered between us.

Peggy

Joe W. Kwan (by way of Gerry Abrams) wrote:

> *Hi Peggy,*  
> *Could you look this over and add comments concerning our workplace*  
> *achievements for the past year.*  
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> *Sorry, forgot to attach the file.*  
> *Joe*  
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> *"Joe W. Kwan" wrote:*  
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>> *In next Monday's meeting we will continue to work on the new General*  
>> *Science Diversity Plan. We had a great meeting last time reviewing last*  
>> *year's progress. I am resending you the highlights that was sent by*  
>> *Kathie earlier so you can review them before coming to the meeting. See*  
>> *you Monday.*  
>> *best regards,*  
>> *Joe*  
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